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CONFIGURATION RESEARCH OVER A COMPUTER-BASED
NETWORK

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 14, lines 1-14, as follows

The system 10 and configuration program is useful in market research for new product development, configuration building, optimal pricing, and needs-based segmentation. The server computer 12 may store the configuration information received from each respondent for a configured product in a database in its memory unit (e.g., hard drive), and provide statistical reports as the total price, subfeatures selected, elapsed time, or steps taken by the respondent in arriving at the final configured product. The configurator program provides a market researcher with information about the price the respondent is willing to pay for his preferred configuration of the product, while the timing information (elapsed time) provides the researcher with information about the amount of attention paid to the exercise by the respondent. The exercise of configuring a hypothetical product purchase (not a real purchase transaction) is useful for

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Usage of the configurator program within a survey, where the output

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